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The Earth And Its
People

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BULLS GAME!!!!!

Utah may be home of the Jazz, but on **Wednesday, June 10**, come to watch them sing the blues!

The Bulls vs. the Jazz game will be shown on the BIG SCREEN in Montgomery Ward Theatre at **8:00 pm**. There will be **food at 5:30 pm** and beverages will also be available (sodas for $1.00 and beer for $2.00).

Please call Human Resources (x356) with any questions.

Come to cheer on **YOUR CHICAGO BULLS!!!**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

BUTTERFLIES ABOUND AT THE FIELD

Where else can you go to see butterflies at The Field Museum--besides the Living Colors butterfly tent? The Field Museum Web site, of course! Do you know how many butterflies and moths are in the Museum's collection? Visit our Butterfly Collection page to find out. The site also will tell you all about butterfly basics: the differences between butterflies and moths, their life cycle, and much more, using colorful images of butterflies from our Insects collection, plus prints from the Library's rare book room. To start your visit, just click on the monarch butterfly at the top of our home page <http://www.fmnh.org>. Take a look and let us know what you think. Please direct your comments to **Lori Breslauer** (x627) or **Brad Loetel** (x734).

Special thanks to everyone who contributed and helped put this site together: **Lori Breslauer, Nina Cummings, Rebecca Dicandilo, Nancy Goodman, Brad Loetel, Allyson Meyer, Al Newton, David Pollock, Mia Schillace, Dan Summers, Doug Taron, Margaret Thayer, John Wagner, John Weinstein, Giudi Weiss, and Ben Williams.** Extra special thanks to **Allyson Meyer**, who designed the site, and **Margaret Thayer** (Zoology, Insects) who spent many hours helping us get the content right. Ally is a recent graduate of the Masters program in Biomedical Visualization at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She created this Web site as part of an on-site internship for college credit.

CCUC RECEIVES FUNDING FROM THE MACARTHUR FOUNDATION

The Center for Cultural Understanding and Change has received a grant for $41,000 from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The funds will support this summer's pilot internship program in urban studies and public anthropology.

"SUE" PREPARATORS OFF TO FLORIDA

Lead "Sue" preparator **Bruce Schumacher** and preparator **Joanne Avery** left for Florida last week to join preparator **Casey Holliday** in the brand-spanking new fossil preparation lab at Animal Kindom in Disney World. The team will be working on various parts of the skeleton for the next two years. Both Bruce and Joanne were excited about moving on to this new stage in the project, although we're sure they will miss The Field Museum and Chicago (except maybe when it's 20 below here next February). We wish the Florida "Sue" team the very best.

June 10, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall II – **Stephen Pruett-Jones** of the University of Chicago will give a "to-be-named" lecture in The Field Museum Summer Series. All are welcome.

Let's Celebrate!

Exhibits is hosting a Museum wide party!

The Exhibits are open
The New Store is open
The Museum Campus is open

Food, Drink and Music
Thursday, June 11, at 5:00 p.m.
On the West Terrace
Please rsvp, ext. 520

PARKING: There is a Chicago Fire game this evening, as usual, you may park in the Adler Lot or you may move your car to the West Lot after 3:00, but remember parking is limited.

Field Museum Publications
An Explorer's Guide to The Field Museum

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As a way to introduce visitors to the Museum's vast collection, we have highlighted 60 objects representing the diversity of what you find in The Field Museum's halls in this 64-page, full-color guidebook.

An Explorer's Guide to The Field Museum is divided into two categories: nature and culture. Plants, animals, rocks and fossils fill the first half of the book. Objects of human culture make up the other half. Each object is assigned a number that is keyed to two maps: a front-cover floorplan and a back-cover map of the world.

The guide was written by Logan Ward, a New York-based journalist and former managing editor of The Southern Farmer's Almanac. He has written about art, travel and environmental issues for The New York Times, the National Geographic News Service, Men's Journal, and American Photo, among many others. Logan has taught school in the western province of Kenya. In 1994, he managed the South American Explorer's Club in Quito, Ecuador, where he was also a member of the Foreign Press Association.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THIS IMPORTANT PUBLICATION!

Individuals may purchase the book in the Museum Store in early June. Staff and volunteers will receive the staff discount.

Departmental orders will be facilitated by Paula Robinson x258. Please attach a completed and authorized expense transfer form and submit it to Paula.

Departmental rate: $2.50—a 50% savings off the cover price of $5.

From the Smokers Corner

Its spring and there is the smell of smoke in the air… at least at the West Entrance anyway. With the opening of the Museum Campus it is time to snuff out the habit at the North and South Entrances.

All Museum employees, volunteers, contracts etc. are being asked to take advantage of the West Entrance and the terrace just to the north of the West Entrance as the designated smoking area for the Museum.

We have provided picnic tables and trash cans so you can be comfortable and enjoy your break.

This move will improve our public and professional image while we do our part to maintain our North and South entrances as smoke free as possible for our non-smoking guests.

Please note that we will not be restricting the public from smoking in these areas.

Thanks for your cooperation...

Join Us...

To celebrate the opening of the Museum Campus Chicago

Saturday, June 13, 8:00 p.m. - Midnight

Adler Plantarium Outdoor Plaza

Hors D'oevres, Beer, Wine and Rum Bar

Casual Attire

Dancing & Entertainment by the Big Swing

ALL STAFF AND FRIENDS INVITED

Tickets $25 (versus $45 Regular Admission)

Call Stephanie (x846) or Cindy (x870) or the Museum Campus Office (x323) to reserve your tickets

GOOD-BYE AND BEST WISHES

On behalf of the entire Public Relations team, please join me in wishing **Becky Lopez** much success in her new position with San Jose & Associates, a prominent Latino marketing and advertising firm in Chicago. During the past seven years, whether it was bats or butterflies, Becky's creative talents have contributed enormously to the success of Field Museum events and exhibits. Becky's last day is Friday, June 12. We all wish her much success and will miss her.
-- **Pat Kremer,** Director of Public Relations

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES – JUNE 1998

Pamela Gaible	Exhibits	10 years
Jose Galvin	Housekeeping	10 years
Carolyn Klyce	Administrative Services	10 years

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. Please submit articles by Tuesday noon via email to klyce@fmnh.org or on floppy disk in MSWord or WordPerfect. Printed on recycled paper—and it can be recycled again.

FIELD MUSEUM FAN MAIL

Judy Block, Chair of the Board of Trustees of The Field Museum, received the following letter from the principal of Haines Elementary School in Chinatown, where she was "principal for a day." She used materials from Field Museum's Harris Loan Center.

> Thank you for volunteering to be "Principal for a Day" at Haines Elementary School. It was a fairly typical day here at Haines and I sincerely hope that you enjoyed yourself as well as we enjoyed having you here. My teachers and my students were so enthusiastic about your visit some of my babies (the kindergarten children) wanted to know when you are coming back to Haines! … Thank you also for the envelope of information that you left … I have an open door policy so that all my teachers have an opportunity to look at the information you left on the Field Museum and plan field trips for their classes … It's wonderful having an "in" with the Field Museum!

Curator **John Terrell** received the following letter from a man who—by prearrangement with the Museum—used the Maori House to propose to his (now) fiancee.

> …I wanted to thank you immensely for helping coordinate one of the most memorable days in my life and that of my fiancee''. My proposal for marriage at the Field Museum on January 14, 1998 was indeed a remarkable event. I appreciate all your efforts in coordinating our visit.
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> The Maori House was indeed a most beautiful place to ask the "big" question. As we walked in, we could sense the presence of an all-pervading ambience, and the "little hairs on the back of our necks" were certainly rising! The rose you had … was just the perfect touch. And the description of the house that all of you had provided during our various conversations was at once beautiful and mysterious … [we] cannot thank you enough for your efforts into making a very special day for two complete strangers … Now we will definitely have to see the "real thing" in New Zealand.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Project	Contact Dept.	Status	Completion date
McDonald's Geology	Exhibits	Construction completed	June 8
Corner Bakery	Aux Serv & FP&O	Demolition/construction	July 2
Bread Exhibit	Exhibits	Design	July 21
North entrance (Bakery)	FP&O	Design	Summer '98
Museum Store	Aux. Serv & FP&O	Construction	June 13
McDonald's renovation	Aux. Serv & FP&O	Design/review	Summer '98
Washroom renovation	Aux. Serv & FP&O	Construction	June 12
South entrance	FP&O	Design review	September '98